

Medical Edge Radio from Mayo Clinic

What is Alzheimer's

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IT'S A GRADUALLY PROGRESSING DISEASE THAT CAN ROB YOU OF YOUR ABILITY TO THINK AND REMEMBER. WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT CAUSES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE, BUT AN ABNORMAL PROTEIN CALLED AN AMYLOID IS THOUGHT TO BE A KEY FACTOR.
Ronald Petersen, M.D. Track 1 (1:20)	"AS THE ABNORMAL PROTEINS GET DEPOSITED IN THE BRAIN, THEY CAUSE DAMAGE. IF THOSE AREAS INVOLVE YOUR LEARNING AND REMEMBERING, YOU'RE GOING TO BECOME FORGETFUL."

	<p>BUT, FORGETFULNESS ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO MAKE A DIAGNOSIS. DR. RONALD PETERSEN IS AN ALZHEIMER'S SPECIALIST AT MAYO CLINIC.</p>
<p>Dr. Petersen Track 1(3:25)</p>	<p>"WHEN THE FORGETFULNESS GOES ON TO INVOLVE MAYBE YOUR PROBLEM SOLVING ABILITY, YOU ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE, PAY ATTENTION... PERHAPS AFFECTS YOUR READING AND WRITING, THEN WE GET CONCERNED."</p>
	<p>WHAT'S TOUGH IS THAT MANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS COME WITH NORMAL AGING. BUT TESTING CAN HELP DETERMINE WHAT'S NORMAL AND WHAT ISN'T.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>
